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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND	$ 6,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS	$10,000,000

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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1896. [31

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [32

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP	£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS	£800,000
RESERVE FUND	£350,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months	4	per cent.
" " " 6 "	3½	"
" " " 3 "	2½	"

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [53

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital	£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

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Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7

CARBOLINEUM-AVENARIUS

USED FOR 20 YEARS.
With the Utmost Success.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus Rot and Dampness.

Sole Agents for China,
SCHEELE & Co.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1896. [821

Insurances.

EMPRESS ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

FIRE AND MARINE.

WE have This Day been appointed AGENTS, and are prepared to accept RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1896. [742

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL	£2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY	£2,480,053
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA	£ 757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896. [1373

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [34

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 EQUAL TO	$833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND	$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq.	LO YEUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.	

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [1374

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED $1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [247

Masonic.

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on SATURDAY, the 26th December, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1896. [1967

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1896. [1993

Intimations.

EXPLOSION IMPOSSIBLE.

JASTRAM'S PATENT

GOLDEN MEDAL

PETROLEUM ENGINES

OF 2 TO 12 H.P.

FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.

NOISELESS. SMOKELESS.

WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.

Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour

A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch with a 4 H.P. will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

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SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST.

NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

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HOTEL METROPOLE, 1, TSUKIJI, TOKYO.

FIRST CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT. Experienced English matron in attendance.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every assistance given in clearing luggages and affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of messing either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

V. SIOEN, Manager, YOKOHAMA.	L. DEWETTE, Manager, TOKYO.

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Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON	*Palawan*	C. E. Baker	Noon, 26th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	*Rosetta*	F. N. Tillard	About 27th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	*Formosa*	R. A. Peters	4 P.M., 28th Dec.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON, &c.	*Kaisar-i-Hind*	C. L. Daniel	Noon, 31st Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN	*Verona*	C. H. S. Tocque, R.N.R.	Noon, 1st Jan., '97	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	*Sunda*	E. H. Gordon	About 12th Jan.	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1896. [431

FOR SALE.

PORT WINE.

THE CELEBRATED GUEDES "3 GRAPES" BRAND.

In cases of 1 doz. Bottles at $24 per case.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1895. [803

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

PRIME FRESH BEEF AND SHANGHAI MUTTON.

CORNED BEEF.

CALIFORNIA CREAMERY BUTTER.
$1.40 per Roll.

OUR CELEBRATED CLUB HOUSE SAUSAGES.
Twenty-five Cents per Pound.

J. TATAM,
PROPRIETOR.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1895. [40

MONTHLY RATES FOR

MEALS

AT H.K. HOTEL.

BREAKFAST	$12.00
TIFFIN	15.00
DINNER	20.00
ALL 3 MEALS	42.50

ALES, BEERS AND STOUTS.

ESTD. 1864.

TELEPHONE—75.

	per cask 4 doz. qts.	per cask 8 doz. pts.
BASS & Co.'s ALE (bottled by Macgregor, Caldbeck & Co., London)	$14.00	$18.00
BASS & Co.'s LIGHT GRAVITY ALE (bottled by C. M. & Co., Shanghai)	14.00	16.00
KUPPER'S PILSENER BEER (always bright, no sediment)	14.00	18.00
KUPPER'S VERSANDT BEER (Munich)	14.00	18.00
BRUSTER'S PILSENER BEER	11.00	—
FREDERICKSBURG LAGER BEER	—	10.00
JAPAN BREWERY & Co., Ld. "KIRIN"	10.00	13.00
GUINNESS STOUT (bottled by M. C. & Co., London)	13.00	17.00

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
15, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1896. 29

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., SHIPCHANDLERS,

DECK AND ENGINE-ROOM STORES OF ALL KINDS.

HUBBUCK'S FIRST QUALITY PAINTS and OILS.
SIR CHAS. PRICE'S ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.
EAGLEBERTS CYLINDER OIL.

INTERNATIONAL ANTIFOULING COMPOSITION FOR SHIPS BOTTOMS.

This Composition has been Supplied to all the Navies of the World and all the principal Steamship Companies.

INNUMERABLE TESTIMONIALS.

FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.

CALL FLAG "R."

Hongkong, 11th November, 1896. [273

W. POWELL & CO.

NEW TOYS

AND

XMAS PRESENTS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1896. [2006

Intimations.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.

ASBESTOS and METALLIC "DAGGER" PACKINGS excell over all others for high pressure.

HEMP, COTTON and RUBBER PACKINGS.

HOT and COLD WATER JOINTS of the best quality only kept in stock.

HEAVY ENGINE OIL a speciality.

CYLINDER OILS from $1.25 to $2.50 per Gallon.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1896. [30

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
PIONEERS OF THE ASBESTOS TRADE.

Contractors to H.M. Government, and the Principal English, Indian, Colonial and Foreign Railways, including the Imperial Railways of Japan.

MANUFACTURERS OF
The Best Qualities of ASBESTOS and RUBBER GOODS for the VERY HIGHEST PRESSURES.
Cheaper Qualities for LOW PRESSURES.

The "VICTOR" METALLIC PACKING has been adopted by the Lords of the Admiralty for use throughout Her Majesty's Navy.

The "VICTOR" METALLIC JOINTING MATERIALS for Steam and Hydraulic Joints, Manhole and Mudhole Doors, &c., are also used on every Battleship, Cruiser, Gunboat, Torpedo-boat and Transport in H.M. Service.

"SALAMANDER" Non-conducting Composition for Boilers, Hot-water Tanks, Pipes, &c. IN TWO QUALITIES.

SPECIAL QUOTATIONS FOR QUANTITIES.

SUPERINTENDENT............THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

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JUST LANDED.

THE MURDER OF DELICIA, BY MARIE CORRELLI	$1.20
Hongkong Tide Tables	0.50
Boy's Own Annual, 1896	4.00
Girl's Own Annual, 1896	4.00
Young England New Volume	3.00

Raphael Tucks New
CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Raphael Tucks New
CALENDARS 1897.
Also
NEW ANNUALS.
Children's Friend. Nister's Annual.
Chatterbox. Sunday.
Child's Own Magazine.
Prize. Our Darlings, &c., &c., &c.

DIARIES 1897,
LARGE VARIETY.

XMAS PRESENTS.

TRADE MARK.

Hong Name:—
YUEN WO.
洋行 源和

TELEPHONE, No. 135.

CASES OF ASSORTED WINES,

CONTAINING:—

2 Bots. SHERRY, 2 Bots. PORT, 3 Bots. WHISKY, 2 Bots. GIN, 1 Bot. BRANDY, 1 Bot. LIQUEUR and 1 Bot. BITTERS.

PRICE:—$10 to $16.

GANDE PRICE & CO.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1896. [420

RAINIER BEER.

THE famous Malt Tonic and Drink. Try it once and you will order it again. One trial will convince you of its merits. Do not confuse it with cheap and abominable stuffs.

SEATTLE BREWING AND MALTING Co.,
HONGKONG BRANCH,
ICE HOUSE LANE.

F. BISHOP,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1896. [1376

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG, A. B. C. Code.	TELEPHONE, No. 35.

THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

TIFFIN AT 1 P.M. DINNER AT 8 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS.

For further Particulars apply to
THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1896. [28

THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF

WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.

Also Sole Agents for the new well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

TANSAN.

FLETCHER & CO.
and
CARMICHAEL & CO.

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Intimation.

EYE-SIGHT.

NOTICE.

MR. N. LAZARUS, OCULIST-OPTICIAN, of LONDON and CALCUTTA, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at the HONGKONG HOTEL (Room No. 139).

ONLY UNTIL SATURDAY.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE.

HONGKONG HOTEL,
(Room No. 139).

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. [1871

To-day's Advertisements.

ELITE SKATING RINK,

DUDDELL STREET.

TO-NIGHT and EVERY EVENING
BOXING NIGHT
GRAND MASQUERADE BALL,
DANCING AT 10 P.M.

Intending Competitors can give in their Names for the One Mile BICYCLE CONTEST.

Wait and Watch the date for the
LIGHT WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
BOXING CONTEST
for a Handsome
SILVER CUP.

Admission on SATURDAY:—$1.00.

The BAND of the WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT will be in attendance Nightly.

SAM MARKS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1896. [1961

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
POSTAGE STAMPS
ON
TUESDAY, the 29th December, 1896,
commencing at 3 P.M.,
AT ZETLAND STREET, No. 2.

Stamps now on View.
Catalogues ready.

PAUL BREWITT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1896. [1998

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHUNSANG"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 28th instant will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1896. [1999

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE,"

Captain F. Davies, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 25th inst., at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1896. [1702

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"

Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 27th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1896. [1997

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA,"

Captain R. Cass, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1896. [1996

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, NEWCASTLE, ANTWERP, ZAANDAM AND LONDON.

THE Company's Steamship

"KAGOSHIMA MARU,"

Captain Treant, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 5th January, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1896. [1958

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES
AND
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [2

BIRTH.

On the 10th November, at 8, Whitehaugh-terrace, Paisley, the widow of William Munro, late of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 18th November, at Malta, Lieutenant DOUGLAS E. R. BROWNRIGG, R.N., H.M.S. *Sybille*, only son of Sir Henry M. Brownrigg, Bart., of White Waltham, Maidenhead, to BEATRICE, eldest daughter of Sir Cecil Clementi-Smith, G.C.M.G., late Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Settlements.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1896.

TO OUR READERS.

To all our readers everywhere and of all nationalities and creeds, A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year! And to each and all we tender our most sincere apologies if at any time during the twelve months that has elapsed since last we saluted them we have in any way offended by any inaccuracy of statement or any intemperance of language or given any pain to any human being by anything that has appeared in the columns of this journal. Sometimes to give pain is unavoidable. It is impossible at times to say what any conscientious journalist must say if he is to do his duty by the public that supports him without causing annoyance to some one, without arousing susceptibilities and giving rise to angry feelings in some quarter. We have endeavoured so far as possible to avoid all this, but often, we are afraid, without success, and we earnestly hope that all those who have any cause to complain against us, or think that they have, will at this holy season, when peace and concord should prevail upon earth, accord us their forgiveness and accept our assurance that we have never written with malice prepense to hurt or annoy, and never without the belief, whether justified or not by the facts, that we were serving the public and the public interest in the best manner possible. Again, we say, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We note in the telegrams taken from Rangoon papers received by the French mail last night a reference to a statement in the *St. Petersburg Bourse Gazette* that, as the international situation is not favourable to Russia and France demanding the evacuation of Egypt, it is best for them to postpone the settlement of that question and concentrate their activity in Europe on the settlement of Turkish affairs as more urgent. It seems a pity that Reuter should not have favoured us here in Hongkong with that bit of news, considering that on the 27th November he informed us that, according to a Vienna newspaper, the *Neue Frie Presse*, Russia had refused to co-operate in establishing an international control over Turkish finances, as any day might see the re-opening of the Egytian Question and a possible conflict between Russian and English interests. The telegram of the 27th November was a little alarming, and Reuter might have had sufficient regard for our feelings to let us know direct instead of through Rangoon that the question of the evacuation of Egypt had been adjourned *sine die*. Of course, neither of the statements may be true nor have any more foundation in fact than most other political items to be found in continental papers; nevertheless either both or neither would have been more comforting to our feelings. The inconsistency of Reuter is at times almost exasperating, for it causes sometimes a feeling of uneasiness which subsequent disclosures show to have been without foundation either in substance or fact. If news once wired is found a little too previous, then a revised version should be given as speedily as possible.

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The *Straits Times* of the 15th December, just to hand, has a funny little editoral paragraph, which we publish, on the situation in Hongkong as regards the Military Contribution. It is a little mixed as to the facts and a little more so as to the precise meaning it is intended to convey, but that is of very little importance. The Military Contribution question, as our friend of the *Daily Press* said the other day, is at rest for a little time and our unofficial members have ceased to vex their souls about it for the present. It will turn up again, however, in good time, and when the estimates for 1898 come on for discussion there may be a very lively debate over the additions or deductions to be made in connection with the payments for 1896, as then the actual state of the revenue for that year will be definitely known. The Secretary of State has not heard the last of the question of municipal expenditure as contrasted with general expenditure. It is a pretty little quarrel that can be revived every year. There will be further trouble, too, when the first big demand is made on the Colony for a contribution towards the erection of extensive barracks and for the practical re-construction of the forts and batteries to suit the new armament that must come soon. A very wide door has been left open by the Ordinance passed the other day for almost unlimited squeezes on the Colony. Perhaps when the question turns up then, we may have more than one unofficial member with some little public spirit and some trifling degree of independence. The majority of the present crowd are not worth their salt for practical purposes when any conflict arises between the Crown and the people. In fact they are more than useless, because they misrepresent to the Government the views and opinions of the community, as witness the way the Governor has been deceived over the Sanitary Board question and over the question of the Light Dues. A strong remonstrance is going in, we understand, on behalf of the entire shipping interest against the recommendations offered to the Government in secret conclave by the more-official-than-the-official Unofficial Members (Messrs. CHATER, BELL-IRVING and BELILIOS) to reimpose the Gap Rock Light Dues as a permanent tax on shipping.

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We are sorry to hear that Dr. HO KAI did not consult in any way the representatives of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company in Hongkong—the persons probably most interested in the question of Light Dues among his constituents—before concurring in the misleading advice given the Governor about these Dues. We believe he made it a point in his speech in Council on the subject, *à propos* of Mr. WHITEHEAD's letter, that he, at least, had consulted the section of the community he represents before committing himself to an opinion. If we have been misinformed we shall be happy to publish any denial or explanation the worthy Doctor, for whose independence of character we have a very high respect, desires.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

TURKEY.

LONDON, Dec. 22nd.

Yielding to pressure, an Iradé has been issued granting a general pardon to Amenian prisoners.

THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Carlisle (Secretary of the Treasury) estimates a deficit of $64,000,000 for the current fiscal year.

THE CUBAN DIFFICULTY.

The Senate has adjourned the discussion of all the resolutions concerning Cuba, including the Report of the Foreign Committee, until after the holidays, desiring to avoid a hasty decision on so grave a question.

THE SCARCITY IN INDIA.

No definite opinion can be formed on the probability of an Indian famine until the result of the winter rains are known.

(From *La Semaine Coloniale.*)

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

PARIS, December 15th.

The natives of Mindanao have commenced an insurrection against the Spanish Government.

M. ROUSSEAU'S SUCCESSOR.

PARIS, December 15th.

The successor to M. Rousseau, late Governor of French Indo-China, is to be designated in a few days. It is believed that the person appointed will not be a member of the diplomatic service.

THE NAVY.

PARIS, December 16th.

The Chamber has passed by 335 votes to 73, M. Lockroy's motion for the expenditure of 50,000,000 francs for the construction of new warships. Admiral Besnard promised to table his scheme early in 1897.

THE SITUATION IN MANILA.

PARIS, December 9th.

The situation in Manila is becoming more serious.

TELEGRAMS.

(From *Rangoon Times.*)

THE VICEROY'S CUP.

CALCUTTA, December 3rd.

Sprightly and Quiver are now favourites for the Cup at three to one; Virago is at four to one, Fortunatus at nine to two, Couralite six to one, Idolater 10 to one, the rest at longer odds.

CALCUTTA, December 7th.

Owing to unsatisfactory gallops Quiver has declined in favour for the Viceroy's Cup and now stands at three to one.

STILL GROWLING.

LONDON, December 4th.

The *Moscow Bourse Gazette* strongly protests against the Russian Government organising relief for the Indian famine and declares that private efforts have produced but little response; the Government, it adds, has plenty to do at home without troubling about India.

St. Petersburg, December 7th.

The Russian newspapers have collected over one thousand pounds for the Indian famine relief fund and they complain of Great Britain's failure to appreciate Russian sympathy.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, December 4th.

Yesterday's Bombay plague returns show twenty deaths. Several Parsees have succumbed. During the past few days the weather has been abnormally warm.

BOMBAY, November 4th.

There is a marked increase in plague cases and deaths in the last few days; several Europeans have been attacked and two succumbed yesterday. The Government has appointed four extra assistant surgeons on special duty in connection with the plague.

NEWS!

LONDON, December 4th.

The *Standard's* Paris correspondent reports that M. Pasteur's pupil, Dr. Yersin, who has been working at Saigon for the last five years, has discovered an anti-plague serum which has effected numerous cures.

[The *Hongkong Telegraph* was first in the field with this news months ago.]

THE MASSACRE IN SOMALILAND.

LONDON, December 3rd.

The Italian Consul, Signor Cecchi, and the Captains of the Italian warships *Volturno* and *Staffetta*, besides six other officers, have all been killed by Somalis at Magadoxo, and one hundred men wounded.

A BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE.

LONDON, December 3rd.

At a meeting held at the Guildhall this evening the Lord Mayor presided and said he approved of the constitution of a British Empire League for continuing the work of the Imperial Federation League. The Duke of Devonshire said the Colonies were fully informed of the views of Her Majesty's Government regarding national defence and the Government counted on the renewal of an agreement with the Colonies to assist in maintaining the Imperial Navy.

SLUMP IN STOCKS AND SHARES.

The Calcutta share market is in a very depressed condition; there is a general fall in all stocks and shares and practically no business is being done. Tighter money is expected.

GENERAL KITCHENER.

LONTON, December 5th.

Sir Herbert Kitchener has left Cairo for Dongola where he will stay for a month.

THE CHAIN PIER AT BRIGHTON.

LONDON, December 5th.

The old chain pier at Brighton was destroyed in a gale last evening.

ONE WAY OF PUTTING IT.

VIENNA, November 27th.

The *Neue Freie Presse* states that Russia is opposed to international control over Turkish finances because she does not wish Great Britain to co-operate at the moment when the re-opening of the Egyptian Question is perhaps imminent.

SENSIBLE ADVICE.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 4th.

The *St Petersburg Bourse* Gazette says, as the international situation is not favourable to Russia and France demanding the evacuation of Egypt, it is best to postpone the Egyptian settlement and concentrate their activity in Europe on the more urgent question of the settlement of Turkish affairs.

ANOTHER TURN IN THE TIDE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 7th.

The Porte has received a despatch from the Ottoman Ambassador at St. Petersburg in which he states that complete accord exists between Russia and Great Britain regarding Turkish reforms.

THE PHILIPPINES.

LONDON, December 6th.

The British Consul at Manila and the Government of Hongkong are constantly exchanging telegrams respecting the state of affairs in the Philippines. Her Majesty's ship *Pique* is ordered to join the *Daphne* at Manila.

EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

PARIS, December 4th.

The French papers say that the decision of the Alexandria Appeal Court is a rebuff to England and a triumph for France, and declare that the financial help to Egypt will give Great Britain no mortgage of rights.

LONDON, December 3rd.

The newspapers, in discussing the question arrived at by the Appeal Court of Alexandria, concur in the opinion that it will strengthen the British position in Egypt and prolong the occupation, and that if England pays the amounts in dispute she has a right to Dongola rather than Egypt.

LONDON, December 7th.

The Egyptian payment of half a million to the Caisse de la Dette was effected from the cash balance in the Treasury. England will advance two hundred thousand pounds this month and further amounts as required.

The *Times* believes the loan will be chargeable to surplus revenues which will not be affected by the demands of the Caise de la Dette.

COLONEL LIEBERT.

LONDON, December 3rd.

Colonel Liebert has been appointed Governor of German East Africa instead of going to China.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Pique* has left Manila bound for Labuan.

H.M.S. *Esk* is now at Ichang, and the *Redpole* at Hankow.

H.M.S. *Alacrity*, with the Admiral on board, is expected to leave Singapore for Hongkong on the 31st inst.

MR. G. Detring passed through Hongkong, bound for Tientsin, by the last German mail steamer.

LORD Burford, son of the Duke of St. Albans, has just arrived in India and will act as A.D.C. to the Viceroy.

THE British [illegible] [illegible] and the "destroyers" *Ha*[illegible] and *Hart* arrived here this morning from Singapore.

TO-MORROW there will be Morning Prayer with Holy Communion at St. Peter's Seamen's Church, West Point, at 10 o'clock instead of 11 o'clock as on Sundays.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Cricket match on Saturday next, from 3 to 4.30 p.m.:—

1—March	La Capa Galleria		W. G. Bentley
2—Overture	"Si J'Etais Roi"		Adam
3—Selection	"Iolanthe"		Sullivan
4—Spanish Dance	"Malaguena"		Verguilla
5—Waltz	"Mein Schonster Tag"		Gung'l
6—Selection	"Faust"		Gounod

THE General Post Office and Registration Branch will be closed to-morrow, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day, (the 25th and 26th instant), except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence for Hongkong, the Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be left open. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on both days.

JUDGMENT was given by the House of Lords on 19th ult. on the appeal of Mr. Arthur D. Clarke, owner of the yacht *Satanita*, from a decision of the Court of Appeal holding him liable to pay to the Earl of Dunraven £7,500 as damages for the loss of his yacht *Valkyrie*. The appellant claimed that under the Merchant Shipping Act damages were limited to £8 per ton on the tonnage of *Satanita*, and thus did not exceed £952, but their lordships held that by the rules of the Yacht Racing Association an owner, should he bring about a disaster, must pay all damages. The appellant was therefore found liable for the larger amount.

AT the Magistracy to-day Tung Ming appeared on remand, charged with having obtained by false pretences the sum of 80 cents from Wong Wing. This was the case recently reported where one of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s private notes was used. Mr. Xavier of the Hongkong Printing Works deposed to having printed a number of the notes for the firm and they were useless unless signed and chopped. Defendant, who was arrested by Sergeant McIver, made a statement that the note was picked up and given to him by a member of his guild. After hearing further evidence Captain Hastings sentenced the defendant to 28 days' hard labour.

IN commenting on Sir William Robinson's report on the coolie strike in Hongkong last year the *St. James's* makes a suggestion that a more curious reception to a wise measure of State Socialism was probably never accorded by those who were to benefit through its enactment than this by the incredulous coolies of Hongkong; but it is probably even truer of Orientals than of the human race in general, that if you would love mankind you must not expect much from them. It is, says the *Express*, true that the "sanitas, sanitas, sanitas" of Lord Beaconsfield is the motto of the British Empire; and where the Empire goes, there cleanliness will sooner or later follow. But this cleanliness the Chinaman liketh not.

MR. SAM MARKS, the enterprising lessee of the Skating Rink is determined that pleasureseekers shall have no ground of complaint as regard lack of variety at his show. Last night he provided a capital entertainment by the Ching Ling Foos. The attendance was large and appreciative and the well known "wonder workers" did a number of feats that puzzled all by their mystery, and evoked much praise for the skilful manner in which they were performed. Mr. Marks notifies in our advertising columns that on Saturday night (Boxing Night) a Masquerade Ball will be held at the Rink, and this should prove a very popular means of finishing up the holiday. The fine band of the West Yorks will supply the music and the ball promises so far to be a complete success.

WE were, says the *Peking and Tientsin Times*, a little sanguine last week in trusting that, after the personal investigation by the Customs Taotai, affairs at the Medical College and Hospital would be satisfactorily arranged. The three students, who had simply acted as spokesmen to ventilate the just grievances of the whole body of students, have been dismissed and sent back to their homes in the South. So much for Chinese justice and progress! Dr. Lin has not yet been dismissed; and no improvement in the management of these institutions can be hoped for until he is. It is really sad to think that after so much trouble and money has been expended in starting such admirable concerns that they should be allowed to drift to hopeless ruin, when by reverting to the former management a prosperous career for College and Hospital would at once be ensured.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN, who was entertained at dinner by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce the other day, replied to the toast of Her Majesty's Ministers. He claimed that the Government were doing all in their power to promote trade, and he pointed to the fact that, whilst the colonies of other countries were a burden to them, England alone was successful in making these acquisitions profitable, whilst we have secured their permanent improvement. The duty of the Government, he said, was to find new markets for our trade, and to develop them. The pessimistic statements as to British trade being undermined by foreign competition would not bear examination; but, whilst there was no ground for alarm, we had in some directions lost trade, through, he feared, the too great independence of the manufacturing population.

MR. James H. Hart and Mr. Boyd Bredon (Commissioners of Customs) passed through Hongkong, homeward bound, by the French mail boat that left here yesterday.

CAPTAIN G. Aubert of the M. M. steamer *Sydney* reports that the vessel had been delayed all the way from Marseilles by foul weather in the Mediterranean, the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Tonquin. After leaving Saigon a very strong N.E. monsoon was experienced.

THE smart looking American gun-boat *Machias* (Commander E. S. Houston) now in harbour here is a very powerfully armed vessel for her size. In her broadside and fore and aft batteries she has six 4-inch guns, breech loaders, fitted with all the latest gear for working them. The pieces are beautiful arms from a gunner's point of view and have great precision at long ranges. These arms together with the four 6 pounder q. f. guns are kept in splendid order, and on a recent visit to the formidable little craft it was plainly evident that Uncle Sam's bluejackets and officers take pride in keeping their armament in the brightest possible trim. The *Machias* is built for discharging torpedoes from a bow tube, but she has not the fittings at present. With so large a complement as 140 officers and men room on board has to be used with much ingenuity, but her lower deck and mess deck are quite comfortable under the circumstances. Electric lighting is used throughout the vessel and her engine room is quite large for the vessel's size, the ventilation being very well arranged. With the two engines of a total horsepower of 1600, the *Machias* is able to do 14 knots when in clean trim. All the various offices and rooms found on a large warship are seen in miniature on board, and along her sides and on the upper deck lockers and receptacles for gear, &c., are found on all sides, giving as much open deck space as possible. The *Machias* was built at the Bath (U.S.) Iron Shipbuilding Yards in 1893, and she is a very creditable little specimen of American Naval architecture.

SAYS the *Straits Times*:—The military contribution question still vexes the unofficial members of the Hongkong Legislative Council. The contribution had stood for years at the fixed amount of forty thousand pounds a year, until they fancied that it would be fairer to the Colony to charge a fixed percentage of its revenue instead. The Secretary of State met their wishes by making the contribution a charge of 17½ per cent. on the revenue of the Colony, less the proceeds of land sales. The unofficials then wanted the Secretary of State to go further and exempt, also, the strictly Municipal portion of the colonial revenue from the levy. The objection to that arises from the fact that the exemption sought would lessen considerably the contribution of the colony. The Secretary of State decided against the suggested exemption, and a Bill was brought into the Hongkong Legislative Council to carry out his views. On the Bill passing its second reading, the unofficials again urged the exclusion of Municipal revenue, and the exclusion of armaments from the objects to which the contribution should be devoted. Instead of accepting the resulting defeat by the official majority, the unofficials decided to appeal again to the Secretary of State, and the rejected suggestions will be laid before him. In other words, the Secretary of State has spoken on the subject, but the unofficials choose to ask him to change his mind, though it has clearly been firmly made up. In fact the Hongkong unofficial members are hoisted on their own petard.

THE Paris correspondent of the *Times* after reporting the Franco-Russian demonstration in the French Parliament, adds: "For five years there have been numberless signal demonstrations, official or individual, isolated or collective, respecting the understanding, the *rapprochement*, the ties, the unalterable friendship, and that the nature of it all remains a secret. When, therefore, President Brisson ends his sonorous speech with the words 'What confidence! what hope!' everybody stares and asks what this word 'hope' can mean, placed, as though designedly, at the end of a well-meditated speech. People then perceive, perhaps, that two nations can draw together to protect each other and [illegible] peace, but that a treaty of peace is not concluded, because to preserve [illegible] needless. The only 'hope' therefore of which a man in M. Brisson's position and on such an occasion can speak is not one of the hopes sustained by a treaty of peace. This is what strikes an observer. I do not say that there will be war to-morrow or within two years, but [illegible] if for five years successive statesmen, however different their views and desires, have continued and applauded these negotiations [illegible] this union, these imperishable ties, are neither platonic nor necessarily pacific. [illegible] that, if France has Alsace-Lorraine before her eyes, Russia has the treaty of San Stefano, torn up at her expense for the profit of everybody else. It was not Count von Caprivi who tore it up, nor was it he who gave Bosnia and the Herzegovina to Austria. If M. Brisson can speak of hopes it is because France and Russia have mingled their regrets and resentments. Thus united, M. Brisson can speak of hopes, inasmuch as France and Russia have a revenge to take on a common adversary. Yes; this word 'hopes,' uttered in such circumstances as it was to-day, gives room for reflection to those who have been constantly assured that the Franco-Russian alliance is purely an alliance of peace."

MEMORANDA.

TO-MORROW,—25th December.

Government offices, Local Banks and Insurance offices close.

SATURDAY,—26th December.

Race for the Viceroy's Cup.

English mail due.

Government offices, Local Banks and Insurance offices close.

3 p.m.—Smoking Concert at the City Hall.

8.30 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

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PLUCKY BRITISH SEAMEN.

Two specimens of the smallest and at the same time the most important type of vessels in the British Navy arrived here to-day from Plymouth, *via* ports, in the "destroyer" *Hart* and *Handy*. The formidable little vessels were convoyed here by H.M.S. *Porpoise* which took charge at Colombo. A lovely passage was had thence to Singapore. When off Hainan on the 21st the N. E. monsoon became a gale but the little fighters went through it in fine style, despite the heavy sea. Had the *Porpoise* been alone she would have turned back but the "destroyers" were unable to turn in the heavy sea without great danger. The three vessels were about three cable lengths apart and the little ones actually made better weather of it than their big consort. During the "blow" the vessels were doing about 11 knots although the "destroyers" have a full speed of 28 knots.

Both the small craft to-day fore and aft were hung up with clothing and bedding, and the gold-laced coats were in evidence as much as Jack's flannels and jumpers. In fact we understand one officer in shirt and trousers was giving his cocked hat a sun bath to prevent the gold lace tarnishing and to dry the *chapeau* at the same time. Both the craft look none the worse for the ordeal they and their plucky officers and crew have gone through.

On visiting the *Hart* a *Telegraph* reporter was very kindly received by Lieut Commander H. F. Shakespear, and he gave an interesting account of the voyage out. The "destroyers" were convoyed from Plymouth to Malta by H. M. S. *Blenheim*; thence to Aden they were accompanied by the *Flora*, and the *Marathon* brought them from Aden to Colombo Coming to Colombo they made 13 knots against a strong S. E. gale, and though the experience was unpleasant the little ones stood it well, the only untoward thing being the fore bridge of the *Hart* standing upright and looking at the officer of the watch before it went overboard. Below the crews had an interesting time, everything being thoroughly wetted. In the officer's cabins pictures, books, pistols and clothing discharged themselves on to the floors; cupboards capsized and everything somersaulted about the place. Order has been soon restored but there will be a lot of small arm cleaning to be done and rust to be polished off. At times, Commander Shakespear said, the *Hart* fairly stood up to the giant seas, but she went over them like a cork and never took a drop in the funnels. The Engineer's crew had often all they could do to hang on, but they stuck to it like Britons and their officers are proud of them. All hands, our reporter was informed, "took an interest in their work and did wonderfully well." Altogether the companies on board the "destroyers" deserve all credit for the way they handled their vessels, and their officers have good reason to be proud of the way in which they have made this first deep sea voyage in the new vessels.

Each of the destroyers is armed with five 6-lb Hotchkiss guns and one 12lb Armstrong, as well as two midships torpedo tubes. The rifles are all Lee Metfords, mark 2. As soon as the boats are put in proper order they will open to inspection and are well worthy a visit. To any one who wants a lesson in nerve the officers can commend a trip in the *Hart* or *Handy*.

THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

It is notified by advertisements published in this issue that all the local Banks and Insurance offices will be closed to-morrow (Christmas Day) and Saturday, the 26th instant (Boxing Day). It is also notified that the days mentioned will be observed as holidays by our overworked officials. The Police Court will be open on Boxing Day and the Inspectors on duty in the various Police Stations will at all times during the holidays be most happy to "take down" any charges that may be preferred against unruly inhabitants. The Marine Magistrate's Court (a most busy place!) will be closed to-morrow and Boxing Day.

As far as we (*The Hongkong Telegraph*) are concerned, Christmas Day will be a holiday. There will be no issue of this journal to-morrow, while on Saturday (Boxing Day) we shall issue a summary of news and Reuter's telegrams early in the day.

There will be plenty of amusements on during the holidays. A cricket match commences to-morrow at 11 a.m. and will be continued on Saturday. The Elevens will made up of the pick of *the* Cricket Club and the Army and Navy. There will be dances, dinners and concerts by the [illegible] unates without [illegible] e sure of a real [illegible] or other of the [illegible] decorated and [illegible] the season.

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A monthly meeting of the Committee was held at the Chamber Rooms on the 19th December. Present: Messrs. A. McConachie (Chairman), H. Smith (Vice-Chairman), N. J. Ede, St. C. Michaelsen, N. A. Seibs, Hon. T. H. Whitehead, and R. C. Wilcox (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

THE INCREASE IN TELEGRAPH RATES.

Letters read from Madras Chamber of Commerce and Straits Settlements Association, Singapore, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the report of proceedings at the Special Meeting held on the 19th September to protest against the sudden increase of their Tariff by the Joint Telegraph Companies. Also from the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, the Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, the Chief Secretary, Hobart, the Chief Secretary, Brisbane, the Deputy Post-Master General, Sydney, and the Chief Secretary, Melbourne, acknowledging receipt of same protest on behalf of the Governments of Ceylon, Straits Settlements, Tasmania, Queensland, New South Wales, and Victoria respectively.

THE "CHINGTU" CASE.

With reference to the case in which the Captain of the British steamer *Chingtu* was recently fined, under the Vagrancy Ordinance, for detaining certain Japanese stowaways on board his ship after arrival here, it was resolved to address the Government on the subject and ask for such amendment of the Ordinance as may be necessary to relieve Masters of Merchant vessels from further liability for stowaways after handing them over to the authorities. Also to point out the hardship entailed on shipowners by holding them responsible six months after arrival in the Colony for passengers (who have paid their passages); and to give Captains the necessary power to *detain* stowaways on board for a reasonable time in order that they may be able to communicate with the authorities.

GAP ROCK LIGHT DUES.

A letter from Hon. T. H. Whitehead, dated 5th December, enclosing copy of correspondence with H.E. the Governor on the question of the abolition of the Special Gap Rock Light Dues, was read, and the matter was further considered. Resolved unanimously to abide by the opinions expressed in the Chamber's letter to the Government of the 31st July last.

[*Correspondence already published in Press.*]

EXPORT UNDER ARMS AND AMMUNITION ORDINANCES.

Read copy of correspondence forwarded by Mr. Whitehead between himself and H. E. the Governor in reference to a question by the Hon. Member in Council on the 3rd inst. asking whether the Police Department continues to furnish the Imperial Maritime Customs with information concerning permits issued for the export from the colony of arms and ammunition.

REQUEST FOR CHAMBER'S OPINION.

Read letter from the Manager, China and Japan Telephone Company, Ld., dated 15th December, asking for an opinion in a certain clause in their agreement with the Joint Telegraph companies, as to whether they have the right to establish communication with Kowloon, where they wish to have a Telephone Exchange.

After discussion, it was decided to reply to the effect that the Chamber is not in a position to express an opinion unless the matter be placed before it by both parties for arbitration, and in any case, according to the By-laws of the Chamber, one of the parties must be a member of the Chamber before the Chamber can act.

A CHINESE RAILWAY CONTRACT.

A correspondent sent the *Times* a literal translation from a Chinese newspaper of a contract made between the Chinese Government and a French company for the construction of a railroad between the Chên-nan Frontier Gate and Lung-chau, in Kwang-si province. The following articles, among others, were agreed upon:—"The Chinese Government grants to the Compagnie Fives-Lille, a concession to construct a railroad between Lung-chau, in Kwang-si, and the Chên-nan Kwan. The Compagnie Fives-Lille will form an anonymous trading company, acting subordinately under the Chinese Administration Office, for and in the name of which Administration Office the railway will be constructed, the said Administration supervising the work of construction, and also the preliminary surveys, which themselves form part of the scope of the concession. The work of construction, the implements, machinery buildings, materials, carriage, &c., will form the subject of an estimate of cost to be sanctioned by the Chinese Administration in consultation with the contractors after the preliminary survey shall have been made. The cost of all expenses incurred and work done will be repaid to the contractors sum by sum, according to completed results. At the end of each month the compagnie will hand in an account of their disbursements to the Administration Bureau, and, within a *maximum* period of three months from the date of their doing so, instructions will be given for payment to be made, all sums remaining unpaid within the stipulated time being chargeable with interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum from due date expired up to date of actual payment. All the accounts rendered shall be in French francs, and at the time of each repayment the rate of exchange shall be taken from an average during the three months previous to the date of handing in the account, as declared day by day by the Franco-Chinese Bank in its course of business. The construction works (barring all unforeseen accidents) shall be completed within a *maximum* period of three years from the date upon which the land shall be placed at the contractors' disposal. After the Administration Bureau shall have made its estimates in consultation with the compagnie, a general table of proposed expenditure to be repaid to the compagnie shall be drawn up in a given form—(*a*) so much to be repaid on account of such and such *bona fide* expenditure; (*b*) what allowance is claimed for the total miscellaneous disbursements; (*c*) what commission is to be allowed the company from the balance in hand on the working account. The Lung-chau and Annam lines joining one another, it will be necessary to construct telegraph lines along the railroad for the use of the service. As for the gauge to be used, so soon as the surveys shall have been made, all circumstances shall be taken into consideration, and the Chinese Administration will decide this point for itself. The present agreement shall extend over a period of thirty-six years, after the expiry of which the parties may consider whether they will prolong the existing or make a new agreement. Should the constructing and managing compagnie find themselves in disagreement in any matter which may occur, the Administration Bureau and the compagnie will each select an arbitrator, these two arbitrators agreeing upon an umpire, so that these three together may consult and decide the matter. But the whole three must be either Frenchmen or Chinamen. Two Chinese and two French copies of the present agreement are made, each side keeping one set. In case of doubt or discrepancy the French version is to prevail."

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Sydney*, Capt. G. Aubert, with the French mail of 22nd ulto., arrived in port yesterday at 7 p.m. We take the following items from our European exchanges:—

LONDON, December 20th.

Mr. Detring, Commissioner of the Chinese Customs, left Berlin on 13th inst. on his return to China.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Don Felipe S. Mesa as Consul-General of Peru at Hongkong.

Mr. Montagu Kirkwood, legal adviser to the Judicial Department, Tokio, who has been on leave, starts this week on his return to Japan.

The Tsar, it is stated, has now invited General Count Vorontzoff-Dashkoff to take the portfolio of Foreign Affairs in the Russian Empire.

The Leeds and Blackburn Chambers of Commerce have agreed to support the suggestion of the China Association with respect to the duties on goods imported into China.

The statement that his Excellency, Mr. T. Kato, Japanese Minister in London, was about to return to Tokio to fill an important position at the Japanese Foreign Office, is without foundation.

Judgment has been given at Brussels in the Lothaire breach of promise case, the Major having to reimburse Mlle. van Hecke for material losses sustained.

An illuminated address of thanks for his recent gift of over £2,000 to the Actors' Benevolent Fund has been presented to Mr. Charles Wyndham at the Lyceum Theatre by Sir Henry Irving.

The new Spanish War Loan has proved a great success, the total subscriptions amounting to 600,000,000 pesetas. The Spanish Press is enthusiastic on the success of this appeal to the national resources.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, the defeated candidate for the American Presidency, has, it is stated, signed an agreement to deliver fifty lectures throughout the country for $50,000, commencing in December.

The Queen has appointed John Newell Jordan, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul-General for Korea, and Henry Cockburn, Esq., to be Chinese Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Peking.

There is practically unanimity amongst British commercial bodies as to agreeing to the increase in the Customs duties in China on the distinct understanding that the increase of duty shall be the sole charge to be levied on the goods.

Two French torpedo-boats came into collision whilst executing a turning movement off Cape de la Chèvre. One of them foundered at once, and nothing is known as to the fate of the crew.

Captain Alfred Mahan, the noted writer on Naval topics, has, says a Reuter's telegram from Washington, been placed on the Retired List of the Navy, at his own request since he is desirous of devoting his whole time to literary pursuits.

At the fifty-sixth annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, to be held on December 10th the directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the preferred stock, will recommend a dividend on the deferred stock of 6½ per cent. for the six months, making, with the interim dividend of 3½ per cent. paid in June, a total distribution on the deferred stock of 10 per cent. for the year.

The German Imperial Chancellor has replied at length to the interpellation on the subject of Prince Bismarck's "revelation" of the secret treaty between Germany and Russia. While declining to discuss the secret treaty the Chancellor said Germany was on good terms with the other members of the Triple Alliance, as well as with Russia and the other Powers.

In the German Reichstag yesterday the debate on the two interpellations regarding duelling in the army and the killing of a civilian by an officer was concluded. The net result of the two days' discussion, as a Berlin correspondent states, was an open and decided expression of public opinion against the practice of duelling.

There were landed at Barcelona on the 17th November 149 persons banished from the Philippines for participation in the rebellion. The prisoners, who for the most part are working men of little education, and include a number of printers, seemed resigned to their fate. They were all wretchedly clad. Their landing was witnessed by a large crowd of people. For the time being they will be confined in military prisons, and subsequently will be sent to Figueras Castle, a fortress on the French frontier.

NAVAL ITEMS.

The enormous projected increase of the Russian Navy, says a Berlin correspondent, is well worthy of note. The amount to be spent for this purpose up to 1906 is 800,000,000 roubles. The two triple-screw steamers *Pallada* and *Diana*, which are being built at the Franco-Russian Dockyard at St. Petersburg, and are to be ready shortly, have each 6,630 tons displacement and 11,610 horse-power, and it is expected that their speed will be about 22 knots. The cost of each of them, without their armament, is estimated at 2,316,000 roubles. Russia has a strong fleet in the Baltic, another in the Black Sea, a third in the Pacific, and will soon have a fourth in the Arctic Ocean, as a port has been discovered on the Murman coast which is to be connected with Finland by railway.

An Odessa correspondent says that an Admiralty Order has been issued to all ports on the Black Sea calling upon all naval officers on furlough, including pilots and boatswains, to hold themselves in readiness for active service. The cruiser *Pamyat Merkuri* is being fitted out for the transport of troops.

The Admiralty have officially notified their approval of Dec. 5 for the launch of Her Majesty's new third-class cruiser *Proserpine*, which was down on the building slip at Sheerness Dockyard in March last. The *Proserpine* is the second of eight new cruisers of the "P" type and has been built with a length of 300 ft., a breadth of 36 ft. 6 in., and a mean load draught of 13 ft. 6 in. When her machinery is on board and her armament has been shipped, she will have a displacement of 2,135 tons.

The good service pensions of £150 a year for captains, rendered vacant by the promotion of Captain R. H. Hamond to flag rank, and by the retirement of Captain Chas. J. Balfour, have been awarded to Captains Wm. M. Lang and Alexander G. McKechnie.

The death is announced of Admiral Sir George H. Richards, K.C.B., which occurred suddenly in a Bath hotel. He was seventy-six years of age, and had only arrived there a few days previously for the benefit of his health. Sir George entered the Navy in 1832, and served in the *Sulphur* and the *Starling* on a voyage of discovery in the Pacific from 1835-42, and took part in the first China war. From 1863 to 1874 he was Hydrographer of the Admiralty. He was promoted Rear-Admiral in 1870, and seven years later became Vice-Admiral, and attained the rank of Admiral in 1884. In 1871 he was made a Commander of the Bath, and was made a Knight Commander in 1877. The deceased officer retired from the service a few years ago.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

By the mail last night the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. E. Pollock) received a letter from the Hon. Secretary to the Executive Committee of the Navy League expressing regret that Mr. E. W. Mitchell had resigned, thanking that gentleman for his services and, *inter alia*, stating *re* the next Naval Estimates that—

"If we are to have sufficient Naval estimates next March the Empire must speak without any delay, and I would therefore ask you to be kind enough, on receipt of this letter, to send from your Branch to us some expression of opinion on this subject which we should receive somewhere about the third week in February. My request is based on the fact that it is the opinion of our highest Naval Experts that our Fleet at the present time is inadequate in number of ships, and also in *personnel*, and that it is not strong enough to meet any reasonable combination of foreign powers which might be brought against us. Notwithstanding this, the First Lord of the Admiralty and the Chancellor of the Exchequer have given it out quite plainly that they hope to be able to reduce the Naval estimates in the coming year."

We shall publish the letter *in extenso* on Saturday.

THE PHILIPPINES REBELLION.

YESTERDAY'S PROCLAMATION.

The following proclamation was issued in a *Government Gazette* extraordinary yesterday:—

William Robinson,
Governor.

By His Excellency Sir William Robinson, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas peace and amity subsist between Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and His Most Catholic Majesty the King of Spain.

And whereas certain of the subjects of the said King of Spain in a certain part of His dominions called the Philippine Islands have revolted against His authority, and hostilities are in progress between His said Most Catholic Majesty and the said revolted subjects.

And whereas Her Majesty the Queen is desirous that no Naval or Military expedition should be fitted out within Her dominions to proceed against His said Most Catholic Majesty's dominions in the Philippine Islands or elsewhere.

Now, therefore, I, Sir William Robinson, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, do hereby warn and strictly enjoin all persons within this Colony in no wise to prepare or fit out, or be engaged or to assist in preparing to fit out, or to be employed in any capacity in any Naval or Military expedition to proceed against the dominions of His said Most Catholic Majesty in the Philippine Islands or elsewhere under pain of the penalties prescribed against all persons offending against the Foreign Enlistment Act, 1870, and all other Statutes and Ordinances in such case made and provided.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Government House, Hongkong, this 22nd day of December, 1896.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

English (*Rosetta*) 26th inst.
Australian (*Australian*) 29th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 30th inst.
American (*City of Peking*) 31st inst.
Australian (*Changsha*) 1st prox.
American (*Doric*) 8th prox.
American (*China*) 17th prox.
Tacoma (*Macduff*) 19th prox.

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THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 1 p.m. yesterday, and left again at 11 p.m. the same day for Hongkong, *via* Nagasaki and Shanghai.

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THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carlill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s chartered steamer *Braemar* arrived at Tacoma on the 22nd inst., and that the same Company's chartered steamer *Macduff* left Tacoma for Yokohama on the same date.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Sydney	steamer,	from	European
Taksang	,,	,,	Chingkiang
Dordogne	,,	,,	Shanghai
Hector	,,	,,	Moji
Woosung	,,	,,	Canton
Canton	,,	,,	Canton
Chingmong	,,	,,	Canton
Victoria	,,	,,	Whampoa
Wosang	,,	,,	Canton
Porpoise	gunboat	,,	Singapore
Hart	,,	,,	Saigon
Handy	,,	,,	Saigon

Aggregating 16,625 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Taichow	steamer,	for	Bangkok
Benlomond	,,	,,	Nagasaki
Onsang	,,	,,	Singapore
Chunshan	,,	,,	Swatow
Lienshing	,,	,,	Canton
Posting	,,	,,	Canton
Sabine Rickmers	,,	,,	Shanghai
Independent	,,	,,	Kobe
Honghong	,,	,,	Haiphong
Sydney	,,	,,	Europe

Aggregating 12,054 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Lekin	in	Kowloon	Dock.
Danis	,,	,,	,,
Hiesang	,,	,,	,,
Dio	,,	,,	,,
Laing Ting	,,	,,	,,
John Batsley	,,	Cosmopolitan	,,
Nanchang	,,	,,	,,
Martha	,,	,,	,,

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—20th November—*Balmoral*. 24th November—*Oolong*, *Elizabeth Rickmers*, *Senta*. 27th November—*Oslar*. 1st December—*Helen Rickmers*, *Prometheus*. 4th Dec.—*Frigga*, *Glenshiel*. 8th December—*Glenfarg*, *Natal*, *Romney*, *Bengloe*. 11th December—*Tantalus*, *Glamorganshire*. 15th December—*Niobe*, *Bulmouth*, *Shanghai*, *Jane Mesick*, *Riojun Maru*. 18th December—*Priam*, *Diomed*, *Adour*. 22nd December—*Oanfa*, *Prinz Heinrich*, *Tellus*. HOMEWARD—18th December—*Melbourne*, *Sarpedon*. 22nd December—[illegible]

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(*Before His Honour Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Puisne Judge.*)

December 24th.

Judgment was given for the plaintiffs in the following cases:—

1661—The Tang Cheong *v.* The Tsung Wo, claim for rent $354.45.

1664—Leung Tun Po *v.* Kung On Chan and others, for passage tickets supplied $106.25.

1676—Colonial Treasurer *v.* Ip Pak Kit, claim for rates $4.90.

1679—Same *v.* Cheng Cheng, $6.12.

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For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency,
M. LACAZE,
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
NAO NABEKRA,
Agent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1896. [1981

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, respectively:—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
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General Managers,
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N. J. EDE,
Secretary,
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.

L. KENNARD DAVIS,
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NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. RAY,
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CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.

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GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

WM. MACBEAN,
Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1896. [1978

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.
No. 72.

NOTICE is hereby given that TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, and FRIDAY, the 1st January, 1897, will be observed as HOLIDAYS at the KOWLOON CUSTOMS OFFICE.
Work at the Opium Examination Office and Customs Stations will proceed as usual.
H. M. HILLIER,
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.
Custom House,
Kowloon, 24th December, 1896. [1983

GEORGE FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of this COMPANY will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on TUESDAY, the 29th day of Dec., 1896, at 11.30 A.M., when Special Resolutions will be proposed to alter and amend the Articles of Association. A copy of proposed alterations has been posted to the registered address of each Shareholder and any Shareholder who fails to receive a copy, can have one by applying to the GENERAL MANAGER.
By Order,
W. G. WINTERBURN,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1896. [1980

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 29th day of December, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1896.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd to 31st instant, both days inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1896. [1968

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY No. 9, Praya Central, on THURSDAY, the 31st December, 1896, at NOON, for the purpose of Presenting the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to September 30th, 1896, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.
The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst., till THURSDAY, the 31st instant, both days inclusive, during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [1943

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the GENERAL AGENTS, with approval of the Consulting Committee will on the 2nd January, 1897, Issue INTEREST WARRANTS of $5 per SHARE PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, the same being at the Rate of 10 per Cent. per Annum on the Paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1896.
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THE Company's Steamship
"TSINAN,"
Captain Ramsay, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 1st January, at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1896. [1994

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"GLENGARRY,"
Captain Ferguson, will be despatched as above on or about MONDAY, the 4th January, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1896. [1971

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
"POLYPHEMUS,"
Captain Goodwin, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 15th January, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1896. [1977

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE British Barque
"SUMBAWA,"
Rehberg, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [1891

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 *A. I.* Iron 4-mast British Barque
"MATTERHORN,"
Captain J. Williams, will soon be ready to load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

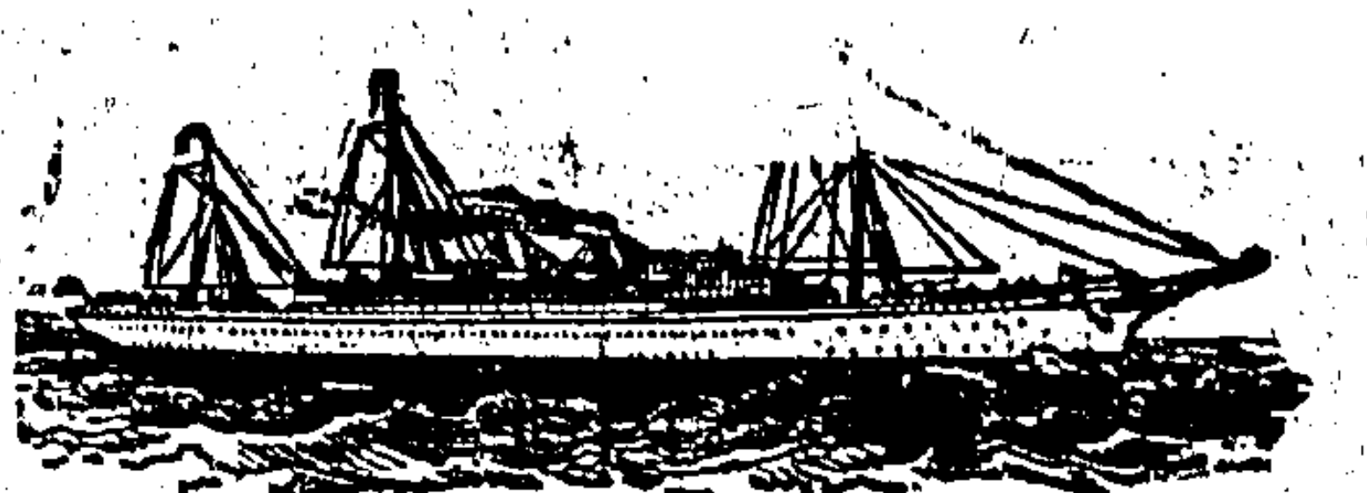
For Freight, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1896. [1840

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Barque
"PENOBSCOT,"
Captain Macalder, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1896. [1845

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

1897.  1897.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 20th January, 1897.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 17th February, '97.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R......WEDNESDAY, 17th March.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia, *via* Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong *via* Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months, £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide-Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1896. [3

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE; VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Tuesday, 29th Dec., at Noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Saturday, 16th Jan., at Noon, 1897.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Thursday, 4th Feb., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship
"GAELIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 29th December, 1896, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent
Hongkong, 10th December, 1896. [2

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Thursday, 7th Jan., at Daylight, 1897.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Tuesday, 26th Jan., at Noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Saturday, 13th Feb., at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 7th January, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, *via* Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1896. [1

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,
PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG,
SOAP MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR
HARTMANN'S RAHTJEN'S GENUINE COMPOSITION RED HAND BRAND.
HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT.
DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES
&c., &c., &c.

Sole Agents for
FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM
and
P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUER SCOTCH WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK
AT
REASONABLE PRICES.
Hongkong, [illegible] May, 1896. [40

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

SANITARY SOFT SOAP

IZAL FLUID
THE BEST DISINFECTANT

DISINFECTANT SOAPS

AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE.

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
[illegible]
Hongkong, [illegible] March, 1896. [8

Shipping.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON $400.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK $350.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA $225.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Victoria	3,167	Tuesday ...	Dec. 29.
Olympia	2,608	Tuesday ...	Jan. 19.
Braemar	3,601	Tuesday ...	Feb. 9.
Tacoma	2,540	Tuesday ...	Mar. 2.

THE Steamship
"VICTORIA,"
Captain Alex. Gove, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 29th December, will proceed to VICTORIA, (B.C.), and TACOMA, (Wash.), *via* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1896. [4

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship
"KAISAR-I-HIND,"
Captain C. L. Daniel, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 31st December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *via* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1896. [431

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Bayern [illegible]	Tuesday ...	5th Jan.
Prinz [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Feb.
Preussen [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] March.

ON TUESDAY, the 5th day of January, 1897, at 5 A.M., the Company's Steamship "BAYERN," Captain [illegible] Blanke, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 2nd Jan. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 4th Jan., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 4th Jan. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1896. [1899

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1896.

Hotels.

NEW VICTORIA HOTEL.

ROTISSERIE.

MEALS A LA CARTE.

CHOPS, STEAKS, &c., &c., at any time between 7.30 A.M. and 11.30 P.M.

MONTHLY BOARDERS at Moderate Rates.

MADAR & FARMER,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1896. [1384

WINDSOR HOTEL,
HONGKONG.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the elegant Building known as "CONNAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers.

Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant.

Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.

P. BOHM,
Proprietor & Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1895. [25

PEAK HOTEL.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS commodious and well appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,250 feet above sea-level, has just been thoroughly re-decorated, renovated and re-furnished, and a NEW WING has been built, which commands magnificent Views of the Harbour and mainland of China.

For further particulars, apply to
THE MANAGER,
New Victoria Hotel.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1896. [27

THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.

THIS Establishment has always enjoyed a high class reputation for Liberality in *Menu*, Quality of Food and Perfection of Cuisine.

THIS REPUTATION WILL BE MAINTAINED.

Fresh Dairy Produce, FRUIT and other supplies are regularly imported from the United States, Canada and Australia. BEEF from Kobe and TURTLES from the Straits.

The WINES, SPIRITS and MALT LIQUORS, comprising all brands in general demand, are the Best shipped to the Far East.

In addition to the BAR, GRILL and DINING ROOMS, the upper floors are arranged so as to provide PRIVATE ROOMS suitable for DINNERS or SUPPERS, &c.

PICNIC and BATHING PARTIES supplied with light refreshments at a moment's notice.

ICE CREAM from 1 P.M. to 11 P.M.

COLD MEAT SUPPERS from 9 to 11.30 P.M.

THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.
FREDERICK BISHOP,
261 Manager.

To be Let:

TO LET.

FIVE-ROOMED BUNGALOW "RHEDA," BONHAM ROAD.

Apply to
CHINA MERCHANTS' S. N. Co.,
No. 22, Praya West.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1896. [044

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 7, DES VŒUX VILLAS, containing SIX BEDROOMS and SIX BATHROOMS.

GODOWN in DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to
BELILIOS & Co.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1896. [1989

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES:—
Nos. 2 & 4, RIPON TERRACE.
"HARFORD," at MAGAZINE GAP.
"THE KENNELS," in MAGAZINE GAP.
"RAVENSHILL" East and West.
ERANIE'S BUNGALOW, at KOWLOON.
GODOWNS in BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1896. 17

TO LET.

NO. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [1940

TO LET.

NOS. 2 & 3, STEWART TERRACE—(THE PEAK).

Apply to
J. W. NOBLE.
Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [077

Intimations.

TO SHIPMASTERS.

ENQUIRE where your FRESH WATER is obtained by the Water Boats; as FOUL WATER is the cause of much sickness on board Ship.

We are the only Water-Boat Company in Hongkong exclusively Supplying FILTERED WATER.

Call Flag "W."
J. W. KEW & Co.,
STEAM WATER-BOAT Co.,
18, Praya Central.
Hongkong, 7th October, 1895. [18

MEE CHEUNG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
TOP FLOOR OF ICE HOUSE, IN *Ice-House Road*.

IS now in a position, in his New and Commodious Premises, to eclipse, as heretofore, ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICED in the Colony or in any part of the Far East:

GROUPS AND VIEWS
a speciality.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896. [45

NOTICE.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or members of the Crews of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

CASSIUS, Ger. str., Unruh—Lauts, Wegener & Co.
R. R. Thomas, Amer. sh., Nichols—Standard Oil Co.
SABINE RICKMERS, Ger. str., Sanders—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
WEST YORK, Brit. bk., Davis—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.

Intimations.

AMERICAN SYSTEM
OF
DENTISTRY
AT
62, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
CHADWICK KEW,
(LATE OF POATE & NOBLE.)
Hongkong, 5th March, 1896. [25

SIEN TING,
SURGEON DENTIST,
No. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET.
TERMS VERY MODERATE,
Consultation free.
Hongkong, 27th September, 1895. [46

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP AND MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
(Formerly articled Apprentice, and latterly assistant to Dr. ROGERS),
HAS REMOVED
TO
THE BANK BUILDINGS,
QUEEN'S ROAD,
(Opposite Hongkong Hotel).

CONSULTATION FREE.
Hongkong, [illegible] July, [illegible]. [10

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

BANKS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—182 per cent. premium.
The National Bank of China, Ld.—on £8.0.0. paid up,—$26.
The National Bank of China, Ld.—Founders shares, $100.
The Bank of China and Japan, Ld.—(Preference) nominal.
The Bank of China and Japan, Ld.—(Ordinary)—nominal.
The Bank of China and Japan, Ld.—(Deferred)—£5, buyers.

CHINESE LOANS.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—

MARINE INSURANCES.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—$220.
China Traders' Insurance Company—$75.
North China Insurance—Tls. 195 per share.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—$182½ per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—$145.
The Straits Insurance Co., Ld.—$26 per share, sellers.

FIRE INSURANCES.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—$367½ per share buyers.
China Fire Insurance Company—$103.

SHIPPING.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—$32½ sellers.
China and Manila Steamship Company—$69.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—$40.
Douglas Steamship Company—$58.
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ld.—(Preference)—£7.
China Mutual S.N.Co., Ld.—(Ordinary)—£7.
China Mutual S.N.Co., Ld.—(Ordinary)—£2.0.5.

REFINERIES.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—$136 per share sellers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited—$46 buyers.

MINING.

Punjom Mining Co.—(Ordinary)—$12 buyers.
Punjom Mining Co.—(Preference)—$3.90 buyers
The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—$9 per share buyers.
The New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—$1.10 buyers.
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—$72½.
The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—$2.75.
Olivers Freehold Mines, Limited—(A) $5 per share.
Olivers Freehold Mines, Limited—(B) $2½ per share.
Olivers Freehold Mines, Limited—(C) $1 per share.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—214 per cent. premium buyers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—$29½ per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—$59½.
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ld.—$45 per share.

HOTELS.

Hongkong Hotel Company—$30½ per share buyers.

LANDS AND BUILDING.

The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ld.—$17 sellers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ld.—$75.
The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—$18½ buyers.
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ld.—$9½ per share.

DISPENSARIES.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—$12.25 buyers.
Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Limited—50 cents. per share, buyers.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—$4 per share, buyers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—In liquidation.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—$145.
Hongkong Gas Company—$110 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—$108 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—$30 per share, buyers.
The Green Island Cement Co.—$18½ buyers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—$6.50.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—$99, sellers.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ld.—$6 per share.
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited—£1 shares; 17/6 paid; $6, sales and buyers.

BENJAMIN, KELLY AND POTTS (Share Brokers),
Telegraphic Address—"Rialto."

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 24th December.

New Patna, cash, ...707½ per chest.
New Benares, cash, ...697½ „
New Malwa, credit, ...750 per picul.
(*Allowance, taels* 8 to 24.)
Old Malwa, credit, ...770/750 „
(*Allowance, taels* 8 to 24.)
Persian, paper tied, ...560/580 „
(*Allowance, taels* 8 to 32.)
Persian, Oily, cash, ...660/680 „
(*Allowance, taels* 8 to 24.)

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 24th December.

On London, Telegraphic Transfer 2/1⅜
„ Bank Bills, on demand ...2/1 7/16
„ „ 4 months' sight ...2/1⅝
„ Credits, 4 months' sight ...2/1⅝
„ D'ments, 4 months' sight ...2/2
On Paris, Bank Bills, on demand 2.66
„ Credits, 4 months' sight 2.72
On New York, Bank Bills, on demand......51⅛
„ Credits, 30 days' sight.........52⅛
On Bombay Telegraphic Transfer 165 to 165½
„ On demand 166
On Shanghai, Telegraphic Transfer 71⅞
„ Private, 30 days' sight 73
On Yokohama, T.T. ....⅝ per cent. prem.
On Manila, On demand ....12 per cent.
On Singapore, T.T. ....⅞ per cent. prem.
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate $9.28
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael..................47.60
Bar Silver 29⅝
Dollars (nominal) 29⅜

VISITORS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Mr. Venancio Balbas.
Mr. L. Barindoaque.
Mr. P. C. Birch.
Mr. Geo. Burdekin.
Mr. W. J. Canter.
Mr. C. F. Villiers-Chapman.
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Mr. J. B. Duncan.
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Names.	*From.*	*Due.*
Chingwo	Singapore	To-day
Olympia	Yokohama	To-morrow.
Rosetta	Singapore	Dec. 26th
Formosa	Singapore	Dec. 27th
Maragon	Singapore	Dec. 29th
Letimbro	Singapore	Dec. 29th
Australian	Port Darwin	Dec. 29th
Lightning	Singapore	Dec. 29th
Senta	Singapore	Dec. 29th
Empress of China	Kobe	Dec. 30th
City of Peking	Yokohama	Dec. 31st
Changsha	Thursday Is.	Jan. 1st
Doric	San Francisco	Jan. 6th
China	San Francisco	Jan. 17th
Macduff	Tacoma	Jan. 19th

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* We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected [illegible]

PROJECTED SAILINGS.

Ship.	*Destination.*	*Date.*
Achilles	London	Dec. 28th.
Bayern	Bremen, &c.	Jan. 5th.
Bejamin Sewall	New York	February.
Cassius	New York	December.
Chelydra	Straits, &c.	Dec. 20th.
Chingping	Shanghai	Dec. 26th.
City of Peking	San Francisco, &c.	Jan. 7th.
Deucalion	Sandakan, &c.	Dec. 29th.
E. of China	Vancouver, &c.	Jan. 20th.
Formosa	Japan	Dec. 28th.
Gaelic	San Francisco, &c.	Dec. 29th.
Glengarry	London	Jan. 4th.
Haitan	Swatow, &c.	Dec. 25th.
K. Maru	Singapore, &c.	Jan. 2nd.
Kaisar-I-Hind	London, &c.	Dec. 31st.
Letimbro	Straits, &c.	Jan. 4th.
Matterhorn	San Francisco	Quick desp.
Oceana	Straits, &c.	Dec. 30th.
Pakling	London, &c.	Jan. 17th.
Palawan	London	Dec. 26th.
Penobscot	New York	Quick desp.
Polyphemus	New York	Jan. 25th.
Port Adelaide	New York	Jan. 30th.
Radley	New York	Dec. 27th.
Rosetta	Shanghai	Dec. 27th.
Sachsem	New York	Dec. 31st.
Sumbawa	San Francisco	Quick desp.
Sunda	London	Jan. 12th.
Tsinan	Sydney, &c.	Jan. 1st.
Verona	Japan	Jan. 1st.
Victoria	Victoria (B.C.), &c.	Dec. 29th.
W. H. Smith	New York	Quick desp.
Yarra	Marseilles, &c.	Jan. 6th.
Zafiro	Manila	Dec. 28th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

SYDNEY, French steamer, 2,081, G. Aubert, 23rd Dec.,—Marseilles 22nd Nov., and Saigon 20th Dec., Mails and General.—Messageries Maritimes.

TAKSANG, British steamer, 977, R. A. Binns, 23rd Dec.,—Chinkiang 17th Dec., Rice and Ground-nuts.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PROPONTIS, British str., 1,390, W. Farrand, 23rd Dec.,—Singapore 15th Dec., General.—Chinese.

PORPOISE, British cruiser, 1,700, F. R. Pelly, 24th Dec.,—Singapore 11th December, and Saigon 19th.

HANDY, British torpedo-boat destroyer, 260, A. Gillespie, 24th Dec.,—Saigon 19th Dec.

HART, British torpedo-boat destroyer, 260, H. F. Shakespear, 24th Dec.,—Saigon 19th Dec.

DORDOGNE, French steamer, 2,133, A. Blanc, 24th Dec.,—Shanghai 20th Dec., General.—Messageries Maritimes.

HECTOR, British steamer, 2,828, J. Barr, 24th Dec.,—Moji 18th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

WOOSUNG, British steamer, 1,109, L. Jones, 24th Dec.,—Canton 24th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CANTON, British steamer, 1,110, S. Wilde, 24th Dec.,—Canton 24th Dec., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHINGPING, Chinese steamer, 1,049, W. Blake, 24th Dec.,—Canton 24th Dec., General.—Carlowitz & Co.

VICTORIA, British steamer, 1,991, A. Gore, 24th Dec.,—Whampoa 24th Dec., General.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.

WOSANG, British steamer, 1,127, H. Korpe, 24th Dec.,—Canton 24th Dec., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHEANG HOCK KIAN, British steamer, 955, C. B. Maddox, 24th Dec.,—Singapore 15th Dec., General.—Chinese.

CHUNSANG, British steamer, 1,418, E. J. Buller, 24th Dec.,—Calcutta 30th Nov., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Woosung, British str., for Shanghai.
Independent, German str., for Kobe.
Ingraban, German str., for Touron.
Edward May, American bark, for Manila.
Hector, British str., for Singapore.
Dordogne, French str., for Saigon.
Bylgia, German bark, for Taiwanfoo.
Yunching, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Haitan, British str., for Swatow.
Wosang, British str., for Swatow.
Guthrie, British str., for Australia.
Radley, British str., for Singapore.
Szechuen, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 24, *Taichow*, British str., for Bangkok.
Dec. 24, *Benlomond*, British str., for Nagasaki
Dec. 24, *Onsang*, British str., for Singapore.
Dec. 24, *Chunshan*, British str., for Swatow.
Dec. 24, *Lienshing*, British str., for Canton.
Dec. 24, *Paoting*, British str., for Canton.
Dec. 24, *Sabine Rickmers*, German streamer, for Shanghai.
Dec. 24, *Sydney*, French str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 24, *P. C. C. Kiao*, British str., for Swatow.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Taksang*, from Chinkiang.—2 Chinese.

Per *Propontis*, from Singapore.—176 Chinese.

Per *Cheang Hock Kian*, from Singapore.—200 Chinese.

Per *Chunsang*, from Calcutta, &c.—Mr. Massey, and Mrs. Morrison, and 462 Chinese.

Per *Sydney*, for Hongkong from Singapore,—Count Senna Fernandes, Rev. Samondais, Messrs Brooks, Signor Khim, Seen Wei Too, Yeap Toh, Asye Hupp, Wong Hoo Chow, Tay Song Chuw and 2 children, Tay Hye, Abdoo Gah, Tay Song Chiew and servant, Bak Sye, Chye Hupp and servant, and Scholdt, and Miss Matsumoto and 2 infants, and 1 Chinese. From Saigon.—Revs. Nivets, and Thévérets, Sisters Marie, and Elizabeth, Mrs. Heine and infant, Messrs Wong Chich, and Arabe, Count Trente-Sept, and servant, and 1 Japanese. From Marseilles for Shanghai.—Mr. Philip Hagberg, Mr. and Mrs. Tranpin, Mr. and Mrs. Monlnot and infant, Sisters St. Thomas, St. Charles, St. Vital, St. Gabriel, and St. Antoine, Miss Kirk, Messrs Jules Mulkay, and Rylander. From Singapore.—Mr. Maynard. From Saigon for Kobe.—Mrs. Hayashista. From Marseilles for Yokohama.—Mrs. Solovreff, Messrs Tamaka, Urio, Avanmir, Götario, Wadachi, Yun, Takakusu, Matsusnoto, Rinji Nakayama, and Sakai. From Batavia.—Mr. Mikkers.

DEPARTED.

Per *Sydney*, for Shanghai.—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. de Senna, Mrs. B. M. des Remedios, Messrs C. Brenner, J. M. des Remedios, Saleh Tabbah, E. J. Sequeira, C. M. de Senna, Jr., F. X. de Senna, and 1 Japanese. For Kobe.—Mrs. Okana Yamabe. For Yokohama.—Captain Desnetre, Dr. Herz, Messrs Lam [illegible], Guillaume, J. Storal, [illegible], L. Mattaldi, and G. Antonioni.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

ANVERS, Belgian steamer, 1,689, Geo. Dulling, 18th Sept.,—Iloilo 12th September, Sugar.—Butterfield & Swire.

ASWANLY, British steamer, 2293, J. Murray, 18th October,—New York 21st August, General.—Order.

BYGDO, Norwegian steamer, 771, Frits Ivensen, 19th Nov.,—Canton 19th Nov., General.—Chinese.

CASSIUS, German steamer, 1,504, M. Unruh, 9th Dec.,—Java 2nd December, General.—Lauts, Wegener & Co.

CHELYDRA, British steamer, 1,575, M. Crockett, 18th Dec.,—Kuchinotzu 13th Dec., Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHINA, German steamer, 1,114, P. Voss, 17th Dec.,—Saigon 12th Dec., Salt and General.—Siemssen & Co.

COSMOPOLIT, German steamer, 552, A. Holtz, 19th Dec.,—Moji 12th Dec., Coal.—Wieler & Co.

DANTE, German steamer, 1,302, Th. Koepke, 10th Nov.,—Iloilo 4th November, Sugar.—Chinese.

DEUCALION, British steamer, 1,374, B. Branch, 18th Dec.,—Sandakan and B. N. Borneo 12th Dec., Timber and General.—Butterfield & Swire.

FREJR, Danish steamer, 395, Sunder, 28th Nov.,—Amoy 27th Nov., Ballast.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

GAELIC, British steamer, 2,690, ———, 5th Sept.,—Nagasaki 1st September, General.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

GUTHRIE, British steamer, 1,496, W. G. Arthur, 22nd Dec.,—Kobe 17th Dec., and Moji 18th, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

HAITAN, British steamer, 1,183, J. S. Roach, 23rd Dec.,—Foochow 19th Dec., Amoy 21st, and Swatow 22nd, General.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

HINSANG, British steamer 1,536, J. Kynoch, 20th Dec.,—Moji 10th Dec., and Swatow 19th, Ballast.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

INGRABAN, German steamer, 894, T. Diedrichsen, 17th Dec.,—Touron 14th Dec., General.—Wieler & Co.

JACOB DIEDRICHSEN, German steamer, 623, H. Schlalkier, 21st Dec.,—Moji 13th Dec., Coal.—Jebsen & Co.

MARTHA, German steamer, 1,418, Ed. Schupp, 20th Dec.,—Java 8th December, Sugar.—Butterfield & Swire.

NANCHANG, British str., 1,060, E. Finlayson, 17th Dec.,—Canton 17th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

PEIYANG, German steamer, 953, R. Köhler, 23rd Dec.,—Canton 23rd Dec., General.—Siemssen & Co.

PETRARCH, German steamer, 1,252, Schall, 17th Dec.,—Moji 12th Dec., Coals.—Wieler & Co.

PORT PHILLIP, British steamer, 1,666, J. R. Smith, 11th Nov.,—Amoy 10th Nov., Tea and General.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.

PROSPER, Norwegian steamer, 789, Th. Gorstad, 26th Nov.,—Swatow 25th Nov., General.—Lauts, Wegener & Co.

QUARTA, German steamer, 1,146, H. Johannsen, 23rd Dec.,—Moji 17th Dec., Coal.—Wieler & Co.

RADLEY, British steamer, 1,984, Ballack, 23rd Dec.,—Amoy 21st Dec., Tea.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

SZECHUEN, British steamer, 1,158, Derby, 20th Dec.,—Tientsin and Chefoo 15th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

TAILEE, German steamer, 828, J. Calender, 2nd Dec.,—Deli and Hongay 30th Nov., Coals.—Meyer & Co.

YUNGCHING, Chinese steamer, 760, Symon, 23rd Dec.,—Canton 23rd Dec., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

ZAFIRO, British steamer, 674, A. W. R. Cobban, 22nd Dec.,—Manila 19th Dec., General.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

BELLE OF BATH, American ship, 1,347, C. Curtis, 2nd September,—Singapore 18th August, Timber.—Captain.

BYLGIA, German bark, 333, F. Mangelsdorff, 18th Dec.,—Taiwanfoo 16th Dec., Ballast.—Sander & Co.

CONGO, Spanish schooner, 300, Francisco Arana, 13th Dec.,—Manila 2nd Dec., Wood.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

ED. MAY, American bark, 860, Johnson, 15th Dec.,—Honolulu 12th November, Ballast.—Master.

FIORT STUART, British ship, 2,312, J. H. Vanstone, 5th Nov.,—New York 23rd May, Kerosine.—Order.

FRED. P. LITCHFIELD, American bark, 991, W. W. Hardy, 20th November,—Newcastle (N.S.W.) 3rd October, Coal.—Order.

GLEN CALADH, British barque, 466, R. Lamontz, 1st March,—Albany 24th Feb., Sandalwood.—Gilman & Co.

LADAKH, British ship, 1,908, Johnstone, 20th Nov.,—New York 23rd May, Kerosine Oil.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LOTHAIR, Italian bark, 706, Santa Ferreter, 31st July,—Callao 16th May, Ballast.—Musso & Co.

MATTERHORN, British barque, 1,839, J. Williams, 19th Nov.,—New York 16th June, Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

PENOBSCOT, American ship, 1,06?, Maculder, 20th Nov.,—Newcastle (N.S.W.) 11th Sept., Coal.—Order.

R. R. THOMAS, American ship, 1,333, C. G. Nichols, 24th Nov.,—New York 21st June, Kerosine Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

SACHEM, American ship, 1,311, H. T. Lancaster, 12th June,—Samarang 19th May, Ballast.—Master.

STANFIELD, British bark, 560, Wilson, 18th Dec.,—Ranjang 10th November, Timber.—Master.

VELOCITY, British bark, 527, R. Malter, 1st Oct.,—Honolulu 11th August, General.—Chinese.

WEST YORK, British barque, 688, E. L. Davis, 18th October,—Taku (North China) 5th Oct., Ballast.—Order.

WM. H. SMITH, American ship, 1,908, Geo. S. Wilson, 21st August,—New York 29th April, Petroleum.—Standard Oil Co.

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